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April 12, 1983

The Honorable George Shultz
Secretary of State
State Department
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It has come to our attention that a State Department release of August, 1982 refers to the "allegations" that the former government of Turkey perpetrated a campaign of genocide on its Armenian population.

While we understand your department's concern with maintaining relations with the current Turkish regime, and while we deplore the terrorism undertaken by some in the name of Armenian independence, we cannot agree that the events of 1915 and before are mere allegations. There is, we believe, ample evidence that the massacres did, in fact, take place.

To disguise the truth in the service of diplomatic expediency both dishonors the memory of the Armenian victims and calls into question the veracity of our own government. We would hope that your department will seriously reconsider its position, and, in the spirit of truth and justice, issue a statement which is more in accord with the historical record.

Sincerely,

~~Graham Millar, Professor~~

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Office of the United States
 District Representative for
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of my March 1 letter to you with reference to the
 and your correspondence with Speaker Tip O'Neill's.

To date, I have not received any acknowledgment or response, and I
 am still waiting from you without further delay.

Sincerely,



FRANK ANNUNZIO
 Member of Congress

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April 22, 1983
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

D.M. Crane

4/20/83

Mr. Lawrence S. Eagleburger
Under Secretary of State
for Political Affairs
United States Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Eagleburger:

I have just received a copy of your April 21, 1983 letter to my colleague, Chip Pashayan, and I am deeply disturbed by its contents. While I can well understand your desire to "end this unfortunate controversy," your letter serves to raise more questions and concerns than it answers.

Your letter of April 21, apparently timed to coincide with the Congressional observance of the Armenian genocide, fails to provide a clear and unequivocal reaffirmation of your Department's official position on this issue. Every American President since Woodrow Wilson has reaffirmed the historical fact of the Armenian genocide, and the publication of your August 1982 note has called into question the commitment of this Administration to that policy. Unfortunately, a simple retraction will not suffice. Your letter does little more than restate the position outlined in the January 28, 1983 letter of John Hughes, Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and Department Spokesman, to Speaker Tip O'Neill. As you will surely recall, in his response of February 8, 1983, The Speaker requested "an unequivocal retraction of the note, as well as, a reaffirmation of the fact of the Armenian genocide." While I am encouraged to know that this matter is being addressed at a higher level within the Department and welcome your complying with The Speaker's request for a retraction, I remain distressed by your unwillingness or refusal to state simply and clearly the Department's reaffirmation of the Armenian genocide. Only by so doing can the State Department's position and official policy of our government be clear and this controversy be resolved.



Sincerely,

TONY COELHO
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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